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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ben Shen

Application No.: 09/477,962

Filed: January 5, 2000

BLEOMYCIN GENE CLUSTER For: COMPONENTS AND THEIR USES

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

Art Unit: 1652

PROCEDURE REQUESTED

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **December 4, 2002**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A Transmittal Sheet;
- 2) A Fee Transmittal Sheet;
- 3) A Petition to extend the period of response for 2 months;
- 4) A Notice of Appeal;
- 2) A marked up copy of the claims;
- 3) A courtesy copy of the pending claims;
- 4) A marked up copy of the specification;
- 5) Letter to Draftsperson with Formal Figures;
- 6) Supplemental PTO Form 1449 supplying reference (incl. copy of reference); and,
- 7) A receipt indication postcard.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification and claims as follows.